

Ashland College Endowment

Dear Reader of the Evangelist:—Will you kindly consider the following lines with reference to the College in the Brethren church? You will surely have time to give some earnest thought to this most vital question among us. Please read, think and act.

THE COLLEGE

I do not feel that it would be necessary to make a plea for the establishment of a good College among us. And yet it would seem, to the only ones who are trying to do something along this line, that as a people we need a great awakening. I am sure that we have never thought of the unmeasured power of an educational center dominated by the spirit of loyalty to the Master and the church. From first to last the College in history has been the center from which radiated freedom of thought, intellectual and moral culture, knowledge of the word of God, and the most far-reaching and powerful spiritual influences. Divorced from higher education, or utterly lacking it, were many leaders in Church and State from the third to the fifteenth centuries of our era; and in their wake followed, as even now, ignorance, superstition, perversion of the Scriptures, low moral and spiritual perception—an era made by such leaders and fitly characterized as the "Dark Ages." Oh, let us see to it that as a people we give the College its proper place among us.

Is there a real need of a College among us? Can not our young people find the best schools among others? Do we need more than a training school for our ministry? That there is a need, urgent, instant, imperative, no one who has given a moment's thought will deny. Our young people *can find* College privileges elsewhere. *Other fields than ours will also as surely have their life work and influence. I positively know this.* I can give numerous instances where young people received their training in denominational schools other than their own and their talent and influence was lost to the field to which it rightly belonged. We have suffered much loss such as this.

COLLEGE ENDOWMENT

What we now need most of all is the adequate en-

dowment of our College. No other work before us is so imperative. The College can not be maintained without endowment. No College can be. Endowment makes it possible to bring College privileges within reach of the many and not the few wealthy only.

A plan for the temporary endowment of Ashland College has been proposed. Last National Conference approved it and a very commendable beginning has been made. The plan is practical because business like and tried. It is also within our reach. Were we to ask the Brethren churches for \$50,000 in cash as an endowment for the College we could scarcely hope to raise it. In the way proposed we can easily raise \$50,000. And the plan, being practical and within our ability, is effectual. There would be no question as to the marvelous impulse and uplift that would follow the raising of such a sum for the College. Every other interest of the church and her work would take a mighty leap forward.

THE PLAN

Below you will see the form of the endowment pledge. It is a promise to pay the interest upon the face of the pledge for ten years. The principal is never payable. Upon the tenth annual payment of interest the pledge is void. You hold your own gift to the College in your hands, only paying the interest to the school. You can lose nothing. You can each year help to support this great work. You thereby help to secure its permanency and efficiency.

CONCLUSION

We have nearly \$10,000 raised. We must increase this by \$15,000 in order to carry on the work as our present need demands. The pledges are held by the treasurer of the College to whom the annual interest is payable. Will not the Brethren churches respond heartily and freely to this appeal? Many individuals, Sisters' Societies, Young People's Societies and congregations can take at least one pledge for the payment of six dollars per year. If you will take such a pledge please write to me stating the amount you wish to pay annually and I will gladly send you a blank for your signature. Any information on this question will be gladly given. Address,

J. ALLEN MILLER, Ashland, O.

ASHLAND UNIVERSITY ENDOWMENT.



Ashland, Ohio,

On, 190 , and annually thereafter for nine years, promise to pay to the Treasurer of Ashland University of Ashland, Ohio, interest at six per cent. per annum on the sum of

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as an endowment fund to be used to promote and sustain the educational work of said University. This agreement shall be void upon the tenth annual payment of interest.

Signed,

Post Office,

Name,